



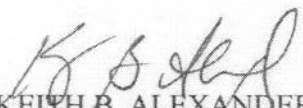
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Mr. Juan Fernando López Aguilar  
Chairman  
Committee on Civil Liberties,  
Justice and Home Affairs

Dear Mr. López Aguilar:

In response to your invitation to participate in the LIBE Committee's hearings on alleged NSA programs, I regret that I cannot attend. As you know, the U.S., EU, and EU member states are engaged in an ad hoc working group to discuss certain intelligence oversight activities. The working group has already met three times. We believe the working group is the appropriate channel for these discussions and look forward to continuing the constructive dialogue already underway there. We greatly appreciate our cooperation with the EU and want to reinforce the strong U.S. and EU partnership. The United States Government recognizes and appreciates the important role that the European Parliament plays in this relationship, and my colleagues and I always welcome the opportunity to engage with Members and the Parliamentary leadership in appropriate venues.

  
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